

ATTENTION BOATERS

In order to provide for the safety of all persons boating in Grand Traverse County, we invite you to read the following information on boating rules and regulations from Act 451-PA 1994, the "Marine Safety Act".

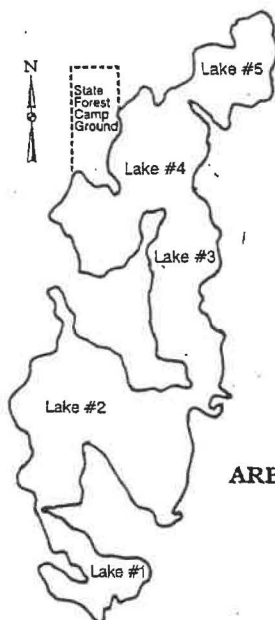
REGISTRATION: All boats with motors and all sailboats require registration. A vessel's life boat, non-motorized canoes, kayaks, sailboards, and vessels 16 feet or less propelled by either hand with oars or paddles do not need registration. The certificate of registration is required to be on board whenever the boat is in use.

EQUIPMENT: A PFD (personal flotation device) is required for each person on all boats. These must be Coast Guard approved, in good condition, and readily available. Boats under 16 feet in length and all canoes and kayaks may use any Coast Guard approved PFD. Boats 16 feet and longer must have a wearable PFD (type I, II, or III) for each person aboard and one throwable PFD (type IV) for the boat. All children under 6 years of age must wear a type I or II PFD whenever on the open deck area of a boat. A fire extinguisher is required when boats are constructed so that gas fumes may accumulate; i.e., under seats and thwarts, enclosed living spaces and between double bottoms. Motorboats and sailboats with motors require that navigation lights be turned on between sunset and sunrise. Rowboats, canoes, and small sailboats must have a white light (flashlight) ready at hand to be exhibited in sufficient time to avoid collision. Mufflers or underwater exhaust shall be used to muffle the noise of the engine in a reasonable manner.

OPERATOR AGE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Persons under 12 years of age may operate a boat alone if powered by 6 or less horsepower. If powered by more than 6 horsepower up to 35 horsepower they must be accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older.
2. Persons 12 to 15 years of age may operate any vessel alone if powered by 6 or less horsepower. If powered by more than 6 horsepower they must be accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older. These persons may operate any vessel alone if in possession of a boating safety certificate.

OPERATION: All boats must observe the rules of the road. Sailboats, when sailing, have the right-of-way over motorboats. Personalized watercraft (jet skis, wave runners, etc.) are motorboats and must be operated in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations. Boats shall be operated in counter-clockwise direction in so far as it is reasonably possible. Boats pulling water skiers, knee boards, inner tubes, etc., must have an observer on board the vessel. Boats pulling water skiers, knee boards, etc., do not automatically have the right-of-way over other boaters. Operators or occupants of boats underway shall not sit, stand, or walk on portions of the boat not designed for that purpose. Accidents must be reported when damage exceeds \$100.00 or someone is injured or killed. When operating boats or pulling skiers a distance of 100 feet shall be maintained between docks, rafts, bouyed, occupied swim areas, and boats moored or at anchor.



EAST BAY TOWNSHIP

ARBUTUS LAKE #2, #3 AND #4, HIGH LAKE, RENNIE LAKE, SPIDER LAKE
High-speed boating and water skiing permitted 11:00 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.
No high-speed boating or water skiing from 7:30 p. m. to 11:00 a.m.

ARBUTUS LAKE #1 AND #5

High-speed boating and water skiing PROHIBITED
Report dangerous activity and rule violations to the Marine Division of the Sheriff's Department. Have MC number of the boat or pwc (jet ski, wave runners etc.) Available when calling.

ARBUTUS LAKE

(231) 922-4514 MARINE DIVISION

EMERGENCY 911

Grand Traverse Co. Sheriff Dept.
Marine Safety Section
Traverse City, Michigan